

MEMORANDUM

FOR: THE RECORD

13 October 1948

FROM: CHIEF, FBIB

SUBJECT: Attached memorandum from [redacted]
regarding Reduction of Clerical Staff
in the Monitoring Section.

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1. On or about 11 October 1948 I interviewed Mr. Lesser with reference to the subject memorandum. Mr. Lesser opened the discussion with an admission that he had been entirely wrong in his impression that [redacted] was responsible for the reduction of the clerical staff in the Monitoring Section, and that he now understood that this change had been directed by the Management Branch, CIA. I advised [redacted] as follows:

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a. That before jumping to such conclusion and taking the trouble to draft such a memorandum, it would be much simpler if he would come in and talk with me rather than waste time in drafting such a memorandum.

b. That this change had been made as a result of a recommendation by one of his monitors, had been thoroughly investigated by the Management Branch, CIA, and its implementation directed, and further, that it would be necessary for us to give the new system a fair trial before we made any appeal for reconsideration.

c. That he could not have permission to take this case up with CIA officially.

d. That if the new arrangement should prove unsatisfactory and he still felt that the situation should be reconsidered, I would take it up with the CIA officials myself.

2. I further advised [redacted] that his understanding that we were hiring additional clerical help in another section to make up for the loss of production due to the poor sick-leave record of the staff there, while at the same time we were releasing [redacted] from their clerical duties, was entirely erroneous.

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